(b) About 50,000–55,000 Armed Forces personnel are released every year and about 16,000 – 17,000 are absorbed each year in civil posts either directly or through the Employment Exchanges, ZSBs, RSBs and the Directorate General of Resettlement. In view of the limited availability of jobs and the inclination/preference of ex-Servicemen to secure jobs near to their native places in the rural areas it is not possible to provide employment to all ex-Servicemen.

(c) As per the figures on the Live Registers of the Employment Exchanges/ZSBs/ DGR, as on 1.1.91, about 2.6 lakh ex-Servicemen registrants were awaiting employment.

Gold and Non-Gold Jewellery

*328. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has increased the limit of gold and non-gold jewellery which can be taken out of India by the travellers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(b) and (c). The existing and the revised limits of gold and non-gold jewellery which can be taken out of India by the travellers are as under:–

	Type of jewellery	*Country*	*Existing value limit*	*Revised value limit*
(a)	Gold jewellery: Personal jewellery made wholly or mainly of gold worn on person or forming part of personal baggage	All countries	Rs. 20,000/-	Rs. 1 lakh
(b)	Precious stone or non-gold jewellery i.e. jewellery other than articles made mainly or wholly of gold.	a) Afghanistan, Iran, Gulf countries in the Mid–East	Rs. 2,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-
		b) Any other country	Rs. 20,000/-	Rs. 1 lakh

Under the revised Notification, RBI have also granted general permission to all non-residents including persons of Indian nationality/origin to take out of India precious stone and jewellery, both gold and non-gold, without any limit, provided such precious stone or jewellery has been either brought by them into India from abroad with the permission of the Customs or purchased by them in India against payment in permitted currency.

The issuance of the present Notification NO. FERA 107/92–RB dated 3rd February 1992 by RBI, amending its existing Notification No. FERA 60/81–RB dated 23.2.1981, was considered necessary for simplifying the procedure relating to taking out of personal jewellery by Indian nationals resident in India and jewellery purchased in India by non-resident travellers.

[*Translation*]

New Defence Colleges

*329. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new defence colleges proposed to be set up in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the time by which these are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b). A "College" is a place of professional study. On this basis, any professional training establishment can be considered a "College".

The Services Headquarters have, under their consideration, proposals to set up the following new training institutions:

(i) Amphibious Warfare School, Kakinada Dist., Andhra Pradesh.

(ii) Air Force Engineering College, (location not yet finalised)

(iii) Air Force Flying Training Establishment, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

Government approval to the establishment of the proposed projects will depend upon the availability of resources and interse priorities of the various requirements. As such, it is not possible to indicate any time frame for their completion.

[*English*]

Strategies to attract foreign Investments

*330. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of Indian officials had recently studied the strategies adopted by the Chinese to attract foreign investments;

(b) whether a report in this regard has been submitted to the Government;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(d) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d). An Official team visited Shenzhem (China) and Malaysia to study the working of the Special Economic Zones and Free Trade Zones in those countries. The observations of the delegation inter–alia relate to the area of operation of such units, value addition norms, procedures for customs clearance, domestic sale and alternative methods of developing/